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## U.S. in Talks to Pay Hundreds of Millions to Families Separated at Border

Government is considering payments of \$450,000 per person affected by Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy in 2018



Border cities like Brownsville, Texas, are seeing their resources stretched as they work to manage the growing number of migrant families crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. WSJ's Michelle Hackman reports. Photo: Verónica G. Cárdenas

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WASHINGTON—The Biden administration is in talks to offer immigrant families that were separated during the Trump administration around \$450,000 a person in compensation, according to people familiar with the matter, as several agencies work to resolve lawsuits filed on behalf of parents and children who say the government subjected them to [lasting psychological trauma](#).